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- 1 A journal with contributions in German and French must be published in Switzerland and indeed it is. The introduction by Claudia Opitz, Brigitte Studer and Frédéric Sardet appears in both languages; the articles get a summary in the other language. The dossier on domestic violence comprises six articles, two of which deal with France rather than Switzerland. There are few surprising statements or new points of view, but taken together, the empirical material is interesting for students of historical violence, in particular against spouses and children. Dorothea Nolde takes up the main points from her book *Gattenmord* on spousal homicide in early modern France (see my review in CHS 2004/2). Nicole Staremborg Goy explains that, by the mid-eighteenth century, the Lausanne consistory did not recognize a husband's right of chastisement. Sonja Matter shows that marital violence was brought forward as a major complaint in just over a third of the divorce cases in Luzern between 1940 and 1944 – an intriguing period when the rest

of the world was preoccupied with other kinds of violence. Réjane Sénac-Slawinski discusses legislation about domestic violence in France since the Revolution. Claudia Töngi deals with violence against children and stepchildren in nineteenth-century Uri and finds a differential treatment of upper- and lower-class parents. Michel Porret takes a new look at the case of Jeanne Lombardi who had murdered her four children in 1885 (also discussed by him in *Revue d'Histoire du XIX^e Siècle*, 2003), which became a famous case for legal medicine. The special issue part closes with pictures of a French demonstration with the motto *ni putes, ni soumises*, with which the introduction closes as well.

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